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1. PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD, FAROUK KADDOUMI, SPENT AUGUST 25-26 IN KUWAIT ON WAY BACK FROM COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE TALKED AUGUST 25 WITH KUWAITI FONMIN. HE REPORTEDLY TOLD KUWAITI PRESS (AL QABAS, AUGUST 26) THAT "IT IS LIKELY THAT INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO HOLD A LIMITED SUMMIT FOR THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED" IN LEBANESE CONFLICT, WHICH "WOULD LEAD TO AN ARRANGEMENT FOR HOLDING A FULL SUMMIT." HE ASSERTED THAT A COLLECTIVE DECISION ON A LIMITED ARAB SUMMIT WOULD BE TAKEN AT THE ROUTINE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, STARTING SEPTEMBER 4 IN CAIRO.

2. KADDOUMI REPORTEDLY SAID, ON ARRIVAL IN KUWAIT (AL
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SIYASAH, AUGUST 26) THAT "DUE TO SYRIAN ATTITUDE" NO PART

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OF THE PLO-SYRIAN AGREEMENT ON LEBANON HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, BUT THAT PLO HAS "HOPES FOR ARAB SUMMIT", WHICH WILL DEFINITELY BE HELD, BUT WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF DISPUTES BETWEEN ARAB STATES. COMMENTING ON NEW SYRIAN CABINET, KADDOUMI REPORTEDLY SAID THAT NEW PRIMIN HAS A "GOOD" ATTITUDE, BUT THAT HE IS "RULED BY OTHER OPINIONS" IN SYRIA. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S REFERENCE TO A RUMORED ALL-OUT SYRIAN EFFORT TO CRUSH THE PALESTINIAN FORCES IN LEBANON, KADDOUMI SAID: "WE ARE READY TO FACE ALL POSSIBILITIES. SINCE THE BEGINNING, HAD THE SYRIANS NOT SUPPORTED THE ISOLATIONISTS" THE PALESTINIAN SIDE WOULD HAVE WON. HE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT TRY TO SMASH THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON BECAUSE, THOUGH THEY HAVE THE MILITARY FORCES TO DO SO, THEY ARE "UNABLE" FOR OTHER (UNSTATED) REASONS. KADDOUMI EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR JUMBLATT--"HE GAVE US MORE THAN WE GAVEHIM."

3. COMMENT: PRESS STORIES FROM EGYPT AND JORDAN, APPEARING IN KUWAIT PRESS DURING PAST FEW DAYS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT "LIMITED" SUMMIT WOULD INVOLVE EGYPT, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND PLO. THERE HAS BEEN NO GOK PRONOUNCEMENT ON THIS IDEA AS YET; KUWAITI COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS SUMMIT PREPARATION AT AUGUST 29 MEETING, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS.
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